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**Marysville City Council Special Meeting  
Ken Baxter Senior Community Center**

**November 28, 2000**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Mayor Dave Weiser  
Councilmembers: Mike Leighan, Mayor Pro Tem  
Shirley Bartholomew  
Jim Brennick  
NormaJean Dierck  
Donna Pedersen  
Suzanne Smith  
John Soriano

Park Board Members: Bob Bell  
Mike Elmore  
Margaret Natterstad  
Ray Stanton

Staff: Mary Swenson, Assistant to City Administrator/  
City Clerk  
Jim Ballew, Parks & Recreation Director  
Tara Mizell, Recreation Manager  
Mike Robinson, Parks Maintenance Manager  
Lillie Lein, Recording Secretary

Mayor Weiser called the special meeting of the Marysville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. noting that the first order of business was a joint workshop with the Parks & Recreation Board regarding skateboard sites.

Park Board Member Bell thanked the Council on behalf of the Park Board for the joint meeting. He said the Park Board takes their positions seriously. They have been appointed to advise City Council and felt, as a board, they were being ignored. They wanted to have an opportunity to express their concerns and bring their research to Council. He noted that the Park Board has worked on this issue for many years. A lot of work has been done including research, field work, meetings with skateboarders, parents, and neighborhoods.

Mayor Weiser noted that the City Council had asked for a feasibility study on one parcel located on Columbia.

Member Bell noted that the criteria approved by City Council about two months ago was very similar to what the Park Board has been using. They were very pleased. He added that some sites that were considered did not meet all of the criteria, and that they strove to find a site that met at least most of the criteria. Mayor Weiser commented that the criteria approved by Council was formed after talking to skateboarders and learning what is important to them.

Member Bell said that when the Park Board rated the Columbia site, it was not a high priority because of the cost to purchase. After a follow-up conversation with Mayor Weiser, the site was moved closer to the top of the list.

Member Natterstad added that basically they were looking at two options: 1) city-owned property or 2) acquisition. She stated that, if the City was willing to purchase property, the Columbia site might meet their needs.

Member Elmore expressed concern for parking and impact on the bowling alley and batting cage, but added that since all three have only one owner, it might be more favorable. Councilmember Brennick responded that he has talked to the Park Board about their issues. He added that the City has blacktopped across the property, and purchasing it may rectify that.

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Councilmember Bartholomew suggested that someone talk to Al & Dick Hereth who own the Gold's Gym building.

Member Bell offered that the Police have advised that they would be better able to enforce skateboarding within the City if the skateboarders have a skateboard park.

Councilmember Leighan inquired about the size of the Columbia site. Parks & Rec. Director Ballew responded that a survey needed to be done but excluding the easement, the area available for the skateboard park would be about 27,800 square feet. He added that a wetlands study has been done; frontage needs curb, gutters, and sidewalk (approximately 30 feet), and stormwater detention needs to be engineered. He added that 85% would be impervious surface.

It was noted that the owner of the batting cage is very interested in seeing this project come to fruition. He is also interested in seeing restrooms installed. Safety lighting can be installed, and this is close to the transit line.

There was a short discussion of storm water detention with Councilmember Smith asking if the stormwater detention facility could be relocated to the back of the skateboard park. Councilmember Bartholomew was concerned that the impact from ESA regulations and the 4(d) Rule would greatly increase the cost.

Councilmember Pedersen asked about Rotary and Director Ballew said they were still interested. Councilmember Brennick that, if this project was good for the community Rotary would participate.

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Councilmember Soriano discussed ways to include skateboarders in the process, and Mayor Weiser asked if other cities all build their parks at the same level. Recreation Manager Mizell noted that there are different skill levels, and Member Elmore added that there are three levels: 1) basic beginner, 2) advanced, and 3) expert. He added that skateboard parks are not just for kids. He was surprised at how many sailors use the facility in Silverdale.

Member Bell asked if Mike Robinson had any information from other cities regarding maintenance, and he replied that the kids usually keep the sites clean.

Officer Doug Lee asked to speak as a parent and interested party. He said that he has two sons and expressed the following concerns and suggestions: parking, a pay phone so 911 could be called, a camera directed to dispatch, and he was concerned about trees; stating that he would like to see it as open as possible. Officer Lee added that the vast majority of skaters are nice kids. He said creation of a park will avoid problems due to skaters skating where they are not allowed.

Member Bell took a poll of the Park Board to see if they would support the Columbia site. All members present said, "yes".

Councilmember Bartholomew inquired about funding, and Mayor Weiser said there was some money in the budget that he would recommend be used for acquisition of the property. Then, the City would have to look for ways to fund building it. Some options are: 1) park mitigation fees, 2) donations, and 3) fund raisers.

Councilmember Pedersen noted that the community has been waiting a long time. Mayor Weiser noted that previous fundraisers have not been too successful, but with a specific site, it could be easier to get the community to donate and make contributions. Director Ballew agreed that, if a site is decided upon, the City will see support of the community in terms of 1) in kind labor, 2) monetary contributions, ) and 3) materials. Councilmember Brennick added that many people who don't want to see a skateboard park in a neighborhood would be supportive of a downtown facility.

Councilmember Pedersen asked about funding. Manager Mizell stated that there is an account now at Everett Mutual for people to make contributions.

In discussion of a timeline the following comments were made:

- Design would take 6-8 weeks
- Construction would take about the same time as design
- Volunteers would be covered under L & I
- The skatepark would be all concrete. (This being the safest and most cost effective.)

Member Elmore encouraged Council not to go below 10,000 sq. ft.; adding that 12,000-14,000 would provide the best facility.

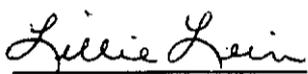
One member from the audience stated that she lives in the neighborhood of the Columbia Avenue site and was in favor of a skateboard park there.

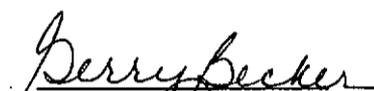
Council convened into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:26 p.m. Councilmember Pedersen moved to purchase the property as discussed in Executive Session. Councilmember Bartholomew seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Weiser adjourned the November 28, 2000 special meeting of the Marysville City Council at 8:28 p.m.

Accepted this 11th day of December, 2000.

  
Recording Secretary

  
Interim City Clerk

  
Mayor